

Washington Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

2004 Tobacco Survey Results

Cowlitz County

What is your age?

n = 207

18 - 34	28.5%	(± 8.5%)
35 - 54	37.4	(± 7.8)
55 - 74	25.2	(± 6.1)
75+	9.0	(± 3.9)

Gender

n = 207

Male	50.7%	(± 8.1%)
Female	49.3	(± 8.1)

Which one of these groups would you say best represents your race...

n = 205

White	92.3%	(± 6.5%)
Black or African American	0.0	(± 0.0)
Asian	0.0	(± 0.0)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.0	(± 0.0)
American Indian, Alaska Native	0.5	(± 1.0)
Other race	7.1	(± 6.5)
No preferred race	0.1	(± 0.3)

Are you Hispanic or Latino/Latina?

n = 207

Yes	8.2%	(± 6.6%)
No	91.8	(± 6.6)

Marital status

n = 207

Married	58.4%	(± 8.2%)
Divorced	11.5	(± 4.5)
Widowed	8.3	(± 3.5)
Separated	4.9	(± 5.6)
Never been married	7.5	(± 4.7)
Or a member of an unmarried couple	9.2	(± 6.2)

How many children less than 18 years of age live in your household?

n = 207

None	58.1%	(± 8.3%)
1	20.6	(± 7.1)
2	16.0	(± 6.8)
3 or more	5.3	(± 3.7)

What is the highest grade or year of school you completed?

n = 207

Some high school or less	8.8%	(± 5.4%)
High school graduate or GED	33.3	(± 7.9)
Some college or technical school	36.4	(± 7.7)
College graduate or more	21.5	(± 6.5)

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Are you currently. . .

n = 207

Employed for wages	47.8%	(± 8.2%)
Self-employed	8.8	(± 4.5)
Out of work	7.6	(± 5.5)
Homemaker	7.2	(± 3.5)
Student	3.3	(± 2.6)
Retired	17.0	(± 5.1)
Or unable to work	8.3	(± 4.4)

Annual household income from all sources

n = 180

Less than \$20,000	16.0%	(± 5.6%)
\$20,000 to less than \$50,000	57.7	(± 8.4)
\$50,000 or more	26.3	(± 7.4)

Have you smoked at least 100 cigarettes in your entire life?

n = 304

Yes	57.8%	(± 6.6%)
No	42.2	(± 6.6)

Among those that have smoked at least 100 cigarettes in their entire life:**Do you now smoke cigarettes everyday, some days, or not at all?**

n = 165

Everyday	33.6%	(± 8.9%)
Some days	11.2	(± 6.8)
Not at all	55.1	(± 9.5)

Among current smokers:**During the past 12 months, have you stopped smoking for 1 day or longer because you were trying to quit smoking?**

n = 71

Yes	63.7%	(± 13.6%)
No	36.3	(± 13.6)

Current cigarette smoking prevalence:

n = 304

(every day or some day smokers among the whole population)	26.0%	(± 6.3%)
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Among those that have smoked at least 100 cigarettes:**Did you smoke any cigarettes during the past 30 days?**

n = 107

Yes	48.8%	(± 11.5%)
No	51.2	(± 11.5)

Among those that have smoked in the past 30 days:**On how many days of the past 30 days did you smoke cigarettes?**

n = 48

Less than 30 days	*	*
30 days	*	*

Among those that have smoked in the past 30 days:**On average, about how many cigarettes per day do you smoke, on the days that you do smoke?**

n = 49

Average:	*	*
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*Estimates based on sample sizes less than 50 were omitted.

Have you ever tried using smokeless tobacco, like chew, dip or snuff?			n = 201
Yes	26.5%	(± 7.9%)	
No	73.5	(± 7.9)	

Among those that have ever tried smokeless tobacco:

On how many of the past 30 days did you use smokeless tobacco products?			n = 37
None	*	*	
Less than 30 days	*	*	
30 days	*	*	

Current smokeless tobacco prevalence:			n = 201
(any use in past 30 days among the whole population)	4.9%	(± 4.1%)	

In the past month, have you smoked a cigar, even just a puff?			n = 201
Yes	4.4%	(± 3.3%)	
No	95.6	(± 3.3)	

Current tobacco use (all types of tobacco)			n = 201
Current daily tobacco user	33.0%	(± 8.2%)	
Current non-tobacco user	67.0	(± 8.2)	

Among former smokers:

About how long has it been since you last smoked cigarettes regularly, that is, daily?			n = 58
Within the past month (less than 1 month ago)	0.6%	(± 1.1%)	
Within the past 3 months (1-3 months ago)	6.1	(± 8.9)	
Within the past 6 months (3-6 months ago)	0.0	(± 0.0)	
Within the past year (6-12 months ago)	4.7	(± 6.9)	
Within the past 5 years (1-5 years ago)	21.1	(± 12.4)	
Within the past 15 years (5-15 years ago)	19.7	(± 11.1)	
More than 15 years ago	45.3	(± 14.5)	
Never used regularly	2.5	(± 5.0)	

Among former smokers:

When you last smoked cigarettes regularly, on average, how many days per month did you smoke?			n = 57
Average:	27.9	(± 2.9)	

Among former smokers:

When you last smoked cigarettes regularly, on average, how many cigarettes did you smoke per day?			n = 57
Average:	26.0	(± 6.3)	

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Among never smokers less than 30 years old:

Do you think that you will smoke a cigarette anytime during the next year?

n = 7

Definitely yes
Probably yes
Probably no
Definitely no

*	*
*	*
*	*
*	*

Among never smokers less than 30 years old:

If you or your best friends offered you a cigarette, would you smoke it?

n = 7

Definitely yes
Probably yes
Probably no
Definitely no

*	*
*	*
*	*
*	*

Among current tobacco users:

About how much do you usually spend on tobacco products every week?

n = 57

Less than \$25
At least \$25 but less than \$55
More than \$55

48.6%	(± 16.0%)
49.8	(± 16.0)
1.5	(± 2.6)

Among current tobacco users:

In the past month, did you buy tobacco on a Native American reservation?

n = 57

Yes
No

9.6%	(± 9.3%)
90.4	(± 9.3)

Among current tobacco users:

In the past month, did you buy tobacco from the Internet?

n = 57

Yes
No

1.0%	(± 2.0%)
99.0	(± 2.0)

Among current tobacco users:

During the past month, did you buy tobacco outside the state to save money - not just because you were traveling?

n = 57

Yes
No

9.2%	(± 9.1%)
90.8	(± 9.1)

Among current/former tobacco users:

People close to me are/were upset by my using tobacco.

n = 107

Strongly agree
Somewhat agree
Somewhat disagree
Strongly disagree

48.3%	(± 11.4%)
22.4	(± 9.5)
9.8	(± 5.9)
19.5	(± 9.1)

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Among current/former tobacco users:

When was the last time a DOCTOR or other healthcare provider advised you to quit, if ever?	n = 109	
Within the past year (1-12 months)	25.6%	(± 10.4%)
Within the past three years (1-3 years)	13.1	(± 7.8)
3 or more years ago	23.0	(± 9.6)
They never advised me to quit	38.3	(± 10.5)

Among current/former tobacco users:

When was the last time a DENTIST advised you to quit, if ever?	n = 106	
Within the past year (1-12 months)	8.3%	(± 5.7%)
Within the past three years (1-3 years)	9.0	(± 7.3)
3 or more years ago	3.0	(± 3.5)
They never advised me to quit	79.7	(± 9.1)

Among current/former tobacco users:

When was the last time a PHARMACIST advised you to quit, if ever?	n = 109	
Within the past year (1-12 months)	4.2%	(± 7.9%)
Within the past three years (1-3 years)	0.0	(± 0.0)
3 or more years ago	0.0	(± 0.0)
They never advised me to quit	95.8	(± 7.9)

Among those advised to quit:

Did the health care professional who advised to quit offer any help, or refer you to a source of help to quit tobacco use?	n = 67	
Yes	43.6%	(± 14.9%)
No	56.4	(± 14.9)

What type of health coverage do you use to pay for most of your medical care? Is it coverage through. . . n = 175

Your employer	44.2%	(± 8.8%)
Someone else's employer	17.8	(± 6.2)
A plan that you or someone buys on your own	12.3	(± 5.7)
Medicare	15.3	(± 5.7)
Medicaid or Medical Assistance	6.8	(± 3.7)
The military, CHAMPUS, or the VA	3.5	(± 3.7)
The Indian Health Service	0.0	(± 0.0)
Some other source	0.0	(± 0.0)

Among current and recent former smokers:

Within the past year, have you heard about any programs in your community to help you quit using tobacco, such as classes, support groups or counseling services?	n = 51	
Yes	43.2%	(± 16.6%)
No	56.8	(± 16.6)

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Among current and recent former smokers:

Within the past year, did your employer offer any stop-smoking class or other programs to help employees quit using tobacco? n = 30

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among current and recent former smokers with health care coverage:

Does your health care insurance coverage pay for the cost of any help to quit using tobacco, such as a stop-smoking program or nicotine patches, pills or other medications? n = 37

Yes	*	*
No	*	*
Don't know/Not sure	*	*

Among current and recent former smokers:

Have you heard about the Washington State "Quit-Line" - a telephone support service to help people quit using tobacco? n = 51

Yes	35.4%	(± 15.8%)
No	64.6	(± 15.8)

Among current and recent former smokers who have heard of the "Quit-Line":

Would you ever call a telephone support service for help in quitting tobacco? n = 48

Definitely Yes	*	*
Probably Yes	*	*
Probably No	*	*
Definitely No	*	*

Among current and recent former smokers who have heard of the "Quit-Line":

Have you called the Quit line? n = 22

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among current tobacco users:

Would you like to quit using tobacco? n = 55

Yes	67.9%	(± 14.8%)
No	32.1	(± 14.8)

Among current tobacco users who would like to quit:

Are you seriously considering quitting tobacco use within the next 6 months? n = 33

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

Among current tobacco users considering quitting within 6 months:

Are you planning to stop within the next 30 days? n = 32

Yes	*	*
No	*	*
Don't know/Not sure	*	*

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Are you currently registered to vote?	n = 199	
Yes	86.3%	(± 7.1%)
No	13.7	(± 7.1)

Which of the following statements best describes the rules about smoking in your home. . .	n = 201	
No one is allowed to smoke anywhere inside your home	77.2%	(± 6.9%)
Smoking is allowed at some places or at some times	16.0	(± 6.4)
Smoking is permitted anywhere inside your home	6.8	(± 3.4)

How many people, including you, who live in your household currently smoke cigarettes, cigars, or pipes?	n = 200	
No current smokers in household	63.2%	(± 8.1%)
1	20.1	(± 6.1)
2	12.5	(± 5.8)
3 or more	4.2	(± 4.4)

On how many of the past 30 days has someone, including you, smoked cigarettes, cigars, or pipes anywhere inside your home?	n = 200	
None	82.4%	(± 6.3%)
Less than 30	5.8	(± 3.2)
30 days	11.8	(± 5.7)

If it were just up to you, would you let people smoke inside your home?	n = 199	
Yes	13.3%	(± 4.8%)
No	86.7	(± 4.8)

Among people who are currently employed for wages:

When you are at work, do you spend most of your time in an. . .	n = 103	
Office	23.6%	(± 8.7%)
Store	7.1	(± 5.4)
Restaurant or Bar	9.4	(± 6.1)
Warehouse or factory	18.8	(± 10.5)
Home/Someone elses home	9.8	(± 6.2)
Outdoors	10.1	(± 9.3)
Car or truck	4.2	(± 4.3)
Classroom	8.4	(± 5.9)
Hospital	5.7	(± 4.4)
Somewhere else	2.9	(± 3.7)

Among people who are currently employed for wages:

Is smoking allowed in any of the following areas at your workplace. . . Some or all indoor work areas?	n = 101	
Yes	22.7%	(± 10.8%)
No	77.3	(± 10.8)

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Among people who are currently employed for wages:

Is smoking allowed in any of the following areas at your workplace. . . Employee lunchrooms or lounges? n = 95

Yes	10.7%	(± 9.4%)
No	89.3	(± 9.4)

Among people who are currently employed for wages:

Is smoking allowed in any of the following areas at your workplace. . . A different designated indoor smoking area? n = 94

Yes	17.6%	(± 10.6%)
No	82.4	(± 10.6)

Among people who are currently employed for wages:

In a typical week, how many hours would you say that you are in a room or car with secondhand smoke while you are at work? n = 102

None	70.1%	(± 11.2%)
Less than one hour	13.0	(± 7.6)
One hour or more	16.9	(± 9.9)

In general, would you say that breathing secondhand smoke is. . .

n = 197

Not at all annoying to you	13.1%	(± 5.6%)
A little bit annoying	9.8	(± 5.1)
Somewhat annoying	26.3	(± 7.4)
Very annoying to you	50.7	(± 8.4)

Would you say that breathing secondhand smoke is. . .

n = 194

Not at all harmful	1.9%	(± 1.7%)
A little bit harmful	6.8	(± 4.3)
Somewhat harmful	22.1	(± 6.9)
Very harmful	69.3	(± 7.7)

All children should be protected from secondhand smoke.

n = 198

Strongly agree	83.6%	(± 6.1%)
Somewhat agree	8.2	(± 4.1)
Somewhat disagree	3.2	(± 3.1)
Strongly disagree	4.9	(± 3.8)

Do you think that smoking should not be allowed at all in restaurants?

n = 199

Yes	73.4%	(± 7.9%)
No	24.2	(± 7.9)
Don't know/Not sure	2.4	(± 2.0)

Do you think that smoking should not be allowed in bars and lounges?

n = 197

Yes	37.1%	(± 8.1%)
No	53.4	(± 8.4)
Don't know/Not sure	9.5	(± 4.8)

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Do you think that smoking should not be allowed in outdoor public areas where children may be present?		n = 200
Yes	53.8%	(± 8.4%)
No	40.4	(± 8.4)
Don't know/Not sure	5.8	(± 3.4)

Local law enforcement officials should place a high priority on enforcing laws that ban the possession of tobacco products by minors.		n = 192
Strongly agree	62.4%	(± 8.2%)
Somewhat agree	19.0	(± 6.2)
Somewhat disagree	12.4	(± 5.9)
Strongly disagree	6.2	(± 4.0)

The city or town where you live should establish as many strong rules and laws as possible to protect nonsmokers, including children, from secondhand smoke.		n = 191
Strongly agree	55.7%	(± 8.4%)
Somewhat agree	25.1	(± 7.3)
Somewhat disagree	11.4	(± 5.4)
Strongly disagree	7.7	(± 4.3)

School officials should make sure that all children receive anti-tobacco education.		n = 199
Strongly agree	88.2%	(± 5.1%)
Somewhat agree	10.0	(± 4.9)
Somewhat disagree	0.8	(± 1.0)
Strongly disagree	1.0	(± 1.4)

Tobacco use by adults should not be allowed on school grounds or at any school events.		n = 199
Strongly agree	85.6%	(± 6.0%)
Somewhat agree	9.3	(± 5.2)
Somewhat disagree	1.1	(± 1.3)
Strongly disagree	4.0	(± 3.0)

Have you seen or heard about any efforts or activities in your community or in schools to prevent or reduce tobacco use among youth?		n = 190
Yes	39.4%	(± 8.2%)
No	60.6	(± 8.2)

There are so many things that cause cancer, tobacco use is not going to make any difference.		n = 194
Strongly agree	7.1%	(± 3.9%)
Somewhat agree	6.3	(± 4.2)
Somewhat disagree	11.0	(± 5.1)
Strongly disagree	75.6	(± 7.0)

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Would you ever use or wear something that has a tobacco company logo or picture on it? n = 193

Yes	19.2%	(± 7.2%)
No	80.8	(± 7.2)

Do you currently have a piece of clothing, or other item that has a tobacco brand or logo on it? n = 198

Yes	10.5%	(± 4.9%)
No	89.5	(± 4.9)

During the past year, have you received a free sample or coupon for a free sample of cigarettes or other tobacco products? n = 197

Yes	22.7%	(± 6.9%)
No	77.3	(± 6.9)

During the past year have you been somewhere, such as concert or special event, where tobacco companies were having a promotion - for example, giving away free samples or having a special give-away? n = 198

Yes	13.0%	(± 6.8%)
No	87.0	(± 6.8)

Tobacco companies should have the same rights to advertise their products as other companies. n = 192

Strongly agree	26.3%	(± 8.1%)
Somewhat agree	31.4	(± 7.8)
Somewhat disagree	12.0	(± 5.0)
Strongly disagree	30.2	(± 7.7)

Among people with children ages 12 to 17:

Have you told your child specifically that you do not want him or her to use tobacco? n = 30

Yes	*	*
No	*	*

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